

### Warning Against Expensive Fire Resistant Sand

Persons claiming to sell a special type of fire-resistant sand at high prices for protection against incendiary bomb fires drew the wrath of the county supervisors today.

"The public should be warned against this racket," Supervisor John Anson Ford said in introducing a motion advising citizens against such purchases.

"I'm informed that this sand is no more potent against incendiary bomb fires than any other. It's a racket that is doubly reprehensible in these war days."

Newspapers of the county were requested to carry the warning and on motion of Supervisor Gordon L. McDonough the county defense council was ordered to help spread the warning.

### Living Costs Keep Rising

Los Angeles living costs increased one per cent during the month ending Jan. 15, the Merchants and Manufacturers Association reported this week. The report was based on index figures telegraphed to the association by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington. These figures showed Los Angeles living costs Jan. 15 were 12.8 per cent above the pre-war level (Aug. 10, 1939); 8.8 per cent above the 1937 peak and 11.3 per cent below the 1920-1929 average.

Taking 1935-1939 costs at 100, index figures Jan. 15 were: All items, 113.4; food, 120.6; clothing, 118.6; rent, 108.6; fuel, electricity and ice, 94.2; house furnishings, 115.8, and miscellaneous, 109.1.



Mrs. America and her Defense Role

Do you favor pretty pink and pastel blues? Whatever the answer, they're what you and your neighbor will soon be wearing. Less dark colors—that's the latest government conservation order. Dyers are being asked to dye dark colors sparingly and to reduce the depth of shade in others. And the very latest prints will probably be lacy, scattered patterns, rather than solid blocks of color. This government conservation program extends to next year's license plates—if you still have a car to put them on. They will be limited to black and white, a few earth colors, and a small amount of iron blue. Yellow traffic markers are also on their way out, while paint with a high reflective value will probably be substituted. The explanation, of course, is that the army not only needs dyes and paints, but the raw materials from which they are made.

So that headaches won't cost more in war than in peace, a price ceiling has been put on the basic ingredient (ascorbic acid) of aspirin and other remedies. Nylon hose, too, must go back to October prices. And, according to the Office of Price Administration, if you're paying over one cent more on five pounds of butter than you did in early December, you're paying too much.

### Aliens Arrested



This Oriental, shown with FBI agent, was among about 100 taken in custody during coast raids on Japanese in Seattle area. He was reported to be member of pre-Japanese society.

### Fate of a Nation That Lost

A new financial crisis confronts the unhappy people of France this week, as a result of the enormous money exactions by rapacious Nazi conquerors for " upkeep " of the German army of occupation.

From the fall of France until last May, the French were forced to pay the staggering sum of \$12,000,000 a day. At that time—probably to prevent utter collapse of the victim—Hitler granted a reduction of the tribute to \$9,000,000 a day.

Trade gone, business stagnant, population hopeless—France undergoes the humiliation and desperate hardship of draining the financial lifeblood from her veins as booty for the invaders who sit in her house.

One shuddering thought of such a fate for America—thought of a hog-jawed Goering and grinning Jap generals profiting this land with armies of occupation and looting tribute on the business and family budgets of the American people—should be enough to send any American hurrying to buy his limit in defense bonds, and resolved to welcome every tax sacrifice and every other personal sacrifice that may be necessary to final and complete crushing of the Axis world menace.

### 549,834 Californians Register for Service

Selective Service registration in California of men in the 20-44 age group totaled 549,834 according to figures released here today by Brig. General Joseph O. Donovan, state director.

Of the total, representing full and complete returns from California's 284 local Selective Service boards which acted as clearing houses for the approximate 2,500 additional registration places set up throughout the state, Los Angeles led with 103,545 sign-ups. San Francisco showed second greatest registration with 54,450, and Oakland placed third in the state's inventory of potential fighting manpower in the nation's third registration since Oct. 16, 1940, and in the initial wartime sign-up.

### ABUNDANCE OF VITAMINS

The Navy will not be shorted on vitamins this year; its fresh fruit order calls for \$7,000,000 pounds of fruit.

**MARINE MARKSMANSHIP**  
Marksmanship jumped in World War I when the Marine Corps ordered that only men who qualified with the rifle could fight in France.

The largest river entirely within Switzerland is the Aar of Aare.

Alabama has a town named Veto.

### War Insurance Expires July 1

The present "free" coverage of property damage as result of war by the Federal government under the War Damage Corporation Bill will remain in force under the terms of the original order, until rates have been determined by the Federal Loan Administrator, but in no event later than July 1, 1942.

This information was given this newspaper yesterday by Howard R. Locke, Torrance insurance agent and member of the National Association of Insurance Agents. There has been quite a little publicity over the country concerning the idea that Congress was getting ready to furnish "free insurance" up to \$15,000, with a provision that if any property owner needed or wanted more than that they would have to pay some kind of an insurance premium fee it.

Now, it is revealed from Congressional hearings on the bill creating the War Damage Corporation that the amended bill which is awaiting passage makes no provision for free insurance but requires premium payments.

**RECORD ENLISTMENT**  
The largest number of recruits ever recorded by the Navy is 30 days enlisted in the month following Pearl Harbor—56,388 men.

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One of the reasons a lot of medicines don't taste as bad as you expect is a jelly-like substance called agar. It's used as an emulsifier for a x a m p l e, emulsion of cod liver oil. It's also used as a culture for bacteria and as an ingredient in laxatives, candy, and ice cream. Agar comes from sea weeds, and, unfortunately for America's comfort, its extraction has been pretty much a Japanese monopoly. In an effort to stretch the amount on hand, the government has just frozen all large supplies in this country.

Little boys are out of luck again. They will continue to get scrubbed behind the ears with plenty of good, penetrating soap. America will produce lots of soap because the manufacture of soap and glycerine are closely related. The armed forces need immense quantities of explosives made from glycerine, and thus soap becomes almost a glycerine by-product, although it is used to the other way round. In addition to tallow and animal fats, soap will be made from copra (dried coconut meat), kerosene and palm kernel oils from Latin America and the West Indies. Because all the glycerine will be used to make explosives, it will be extracted from wartime soaps, they'll be less slippery, easier to hang on to.

Now with harvest all but over, the government has come to their aid. They will be supplied with enough wheat to assure maximum honey production. Bees made this special attention because, in addition to being indispensable for the pollination of fruits, vegetables and forage crops.

You can keep on cooking with gas, but after March 1 if you want a new gas heating system, it will be quite another matter. Homemakers in 17 states (including California) will no longer be allowed to install gas heating systems or convert to gas any equipment now using other fuel. However, there will be no restrictions on purchases of individual room heaters. And there will continue to be a supply of gas for cooking stoves and hot water heaters. One of the more drastic war orders to hit consumers, this ruling was necessary because of increased gas requirements for war production. Also the raw materials needed in the actual manufacturing of gas equipment.

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**SALUTE COURTESY**  
When the Navy is firing salutes, naval officers and men stand at attention facing the ship or person saluted.

**SO YOUR CAE SKIDS**  
Skidding on curves may be caused by excessive speed, un-deflated tires, smooth tires, springs that are too flexible, or weak shock absorbers.

Many a Saturday night supper menu is going to change because of the new tax on restaurants. In the non-essential class (cans to be cut 50 percent for the rest of February and then discontinued entirely) is that good old American standby, pork and beans. No dried beans of any kind may be sold in cans, so cooks will have to go back to the hard, old-fashioned way—long soaking and baking.

Are you an intelligent buyer? Do you know what you are buying and why it costs what it does? Do you know what the different government grades of food mean and how to judge a good sheet? Because the war is making women want to know more about what they buy, local Consumer Interest Committees are mushrooming everywhere. They are usually connected with local and state defense councils. Assisting the work of all groups is a representative of the Consumer Division in Washington, D. C. If you are interested in a consumer group in your town, this representative will help you organize it. In California the representative is Brownie Lee Jones, Newhall Building, San Francisco.

**PLENTY OF BUTTER**  
Navy men will have butter on their bread this year—15,000,000 pounds of it—according to the latest order.

**OR SHANK'S MARE**  
With automobiles out of the picture, the hitch-hiker will hope for a revival of Daisy Bell's bicycle-built-for-two.

William A. Bishop, Canadian air marshal, brought down 72 enemy planes in the first World war.

At the close of the last fiscal year the Federal Bureau of Investigation had nearly 22,000,000 sets of fingerprints on file.

Abbreviations were commonly used among the ancient writers.

## Our Government has asked full cooperation in the war-time use of NATURAL GAS

WHAT THIS ORDER MEANS TO GAS CUSTOMERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

**T**he War Production Board has issued an order—known as "L-31"—designed to make the most effective possible use of our Country's natural gas facilities in the cause of Victory. You are, of course, interested in just what this order may mean to you as a household consumer of natural gas in Southern California. It is very likely that the order will not affect you at all. But the following questions are presented and answered so that you may be better informed on this important subject:

- Q. Is it a fact that this order does not affect any gas equipment I already have in my home?  
A. That's correct.
- Q. Then what is the chief reason for this new order?  
A. Primarily to keep the greatest amount of gas available for war industries in cold weather, when major heating equipment tends to place heavy demands on the gas mains.
- Q. Does it prevent me from installing a new gas range... or water heater... or refrigerator?  
A. No. This order does not in any way stop you from installing any appliance except major heating equipment.
- Q. Would it stop me from installing gas heating equipment if I should decide to build a new house?  
A. Yes. As a builder of a new house, you could still use gas for cooking, water heating, and refrigeration, but not as the principal source of heat in your house, unless it should be installed before March 1.
- Q. What if I'm already building a house but not ready to move in? Must I change my plans?  
A. No. Not if the foundation is completed before March 1 and the heating equipment was a part of your construction contract.
- Q. Then why is such an order necessary?  
A. In a word—because it will help win the war. It is very important now to supply gas to our war industries and industries in possible than continuous supplies even during our coldest weather, when heating load is heaviest. At the same time, it has been necessary to take care of our growing population (over 70,000,000 now) whose only source of heating is natural gas.
- Q. What does governmental use of gas mean for my place or business or neighborhood?  
A. The order does not mean that you will be asked to give up your gas. It means that you will be asked to give up your gas for a limited period of time during our coldest weather, when heating load is heaviest. At the same time, it has been necessary to take care of our growing population (over 70,000,000 now) whose only source of heating is natural gas.

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